ASSESSMENT OF PROGRAMMES FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

@@3350. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have constituted a body for assessment of various programmes with respect to women and children in the rural areas and border areas of the country, particularly in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI) : (a) and (b) A Monitoring Committee has been constituted on the National Plan of Action for Children which seeks to cover the programmes in the areas of child and material health, nutrition, water and sanitation, education, children in especially difficult circumstances, girl child, adolescent girls and the environment. The Committee is chaired by Secretary (WCD) and has Secretaries of other Ministries|Departments ioncerned as its members. The Committee seeks periodical progress reports on the achievements of goals laid down in the National Plan of Action for Children. A similar Monitoring Committee has been set up for the National Plan of Action for the Girl Child.

Besides, for assessment of various programmes for women and children in different parts of the country including Punjab, the Government monitors the programmes by obtaining periodical reports| returns and completion certificates alongwith audited statement of accounts. Evaluation of the major programmes is also conducted from time to time with help of leading research and academic institutions and NGOs.

(c) Does not arise.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS IN WEST BENGAL

3351. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI :

SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of Central Schools now running in West Bengal;

(b) the details thereof with their postal addresses;

(c) what is the criteria to open Central Schools is any State;

(d) the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any separate criteria or guideline to open Central Schools in West Bengal;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether there is any proposal to open more Central Schools in West Bengal, if so, the names of the places ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) 45 Kendriya Vidyalayas are running in West Bengal as per details given as Statement-I (See below).

@@Previously unstarred Question 2452, transferred from the 20th December, 1993.